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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D.  
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Group Art Unit: 1652  
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August 18, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003 to August 18, 2003. A check in the amount of \$410.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension in connection with this paper, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

August 18, 2003  
(Date of Deposit)

LAWRENCE S. PERRY  
(Name of Attorney for Applicant)

LAWRENCE S.  
(Name of Attorney)  
  
Signature

August 18, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003 (Paper No. 13),  
please amend the application as follows: